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Re: Dr. Kurt Knoll

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF DOCUMENT
Knoll, Kurt, Professor Dr., S. + 8, 2P
Alleged German Intelligence Agent
Land Upper Austria, Mondsee, Austria

2. NAME OF SOURCE
Knoll, Kurt

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On 19 February 1953 Informant 5846 reported to these Agents that he had received information from an Austrian Source, who is a German intelligence agent employed by the Bonn Government, concerning the activities of Professor Dr. Kurt KNOLL, an alleged German intelligence agent, residing in Mondsee, Land Upper Austria, Austria. Informant stated that Professor Dr. Kurt KNOLL, born 23 October 1889, was a Colonel (Standartenführer) in the German Security Service (Sicherheitsdienst - SD) during World War II in Vienna, Austria. He did outstanding work for the German Security Service, specializing in cultural, economic, and scientific intelligence. In 1948 KNOLL became acquainted with the following German intelligence agents of the group Office Gehlen (Amt Gehlen), a German intelligence agency in Bonn, Germany, which is allegedly supported by a US intelligence agency:

Dr. (fnm) Loigmann-Auen, a politician residing in Western Germany.
 Dr. Kurt Wessely, employee of the Salzburger Nachrichten, residing at Kommunalstrasse 8/2, Linz, Land Upper Austria.
 Dr. Emerich Ofosarek, born 18 July 1914 in Vienna, residing at Musterstrasse 8, Salzburg, Land Salzburg, Austria.

Ofosarek sponsored KNOLL for the German Intelligence Service, and KNOLL was assigned to report on Austrian economic and political intelligence. In 1948 KNOLL was billeted in Ofosarek's country home in Mondsee where KNOLL is currently residing and where he writes his intelligence reports. KNOLL's son, Dr. Kurt Knoll, born 14 June 1919 in Vienna, residing at Glimpfingerstrasse 83, Linz, shop steward at the United Austrian Steel Works (Vereinigte Österreichische Stahlwerke - VOEST) in Linz, is a member of the Austrian Communist Party (Kommunistische Partei Österreichs - KPÖ), and keeps in close contact with his father. (C-8)

Agent's Notes: On 28 February 1953, the files of this Sub-Detachment were examined by these Agents concerning personalities and organizations mentioned in this report and were found to contain the following information: The Salzburger Nachrichten is listed as an independent newspaper in Salzburg; VOEST is listed as the United Austrian Steel Works in Linz; the KPÖ is listed as the Austrian Communist Party. Dr. Emerich Ofosarek, born 18 July 1914, is mentioned in Letter, Headquarters, Field Survey Detachment, APO 847, US Army, dated 30 August 1949, FO: whom it may concern, as being a YIB, a US Intelligence Agency, employee. Dr. Kurt Wessely, born 20 March 1904 in Linz.

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